

edge that defines an area of certain predetermined dimensions sufficient to permit complete overlaying of the bottom surface and side walls of the litter box. The liner is provided with a plurality of uniformly spaced-apart, non-closeable perforations of preselected size which are sufficiently inward of the outer edge of the liner so as to be disposed overlyingly of the bottom surface of the box when the liner is in operative position therein. This permits simultaneous retention of soiled litter and excrement on the liner and also permits passage through the non-closeable perforations of dry, non-soiled litter into the litter box when the liner is gently lifted thereabove.

Page 8, line 28, replace "number" with --be--; and after "77", insert --in number--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1, 13 and 14 without prejudice.

Please amend the following claims:

Claim 2, line 1, delete "in combination".

Claim 3, line 1, replace "1" with --2--.

Claim 4, line 1, replace "1" with --2--.

Claim 5, line 1, replace "1" with --2--; and replace "the" with --said plurality of--.

Claim 6, line 1, replace "1" with --2--;

line 2, after "each", insert --of--; and replace "perforation" with --plurality of perforations--.

Claim 7, line 1, replace "1" with --2--; and after "said", insert --plurality of--.

Claim 8, line 1, replace "1" with --2--.

Claim 9, line 1, replace "1" with --2--.

Claim 10, line 2, delete "area".

Claim 11, line 2, delete "area".

Claim 15, line 1, replace "1" with --2--.

Please rewrite Claim 16 as follows:

A3 16. (Amended) The litter box liner of claim 2, wherein said plurality of perforations [are] provided substantially centrally of said liner are provided immediately to one side of[, but adjacent to] a central longitudinal axis thereof [of said liner].

Please add the following new claims:

AJ 18. An animal litter box liner comprised of flexible, sheet-like material having a bottom edge intersecting a continuous side wall and having dimensions at least sufficient to permit lining the entire bottom surface and inside walls of a litter box used with said liner, and having a plurality of spaced-apart perforations through said liner continuous side wall adjacent the bottom edge of said liner, wherein said liner is constructed in the form of a rectangular envelope having a seam along the bottom edge, said plurality of perforations being disposed one-half to each side of the seam so as to substantially overlay each other when said liner is in closed position and so as to be centrally located over the bottom surface of the litter box when said liner is in open, operable position with the seam disposed centrally and longitudinally upon the litter box bottom surface.

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19. An animal litter box liner comprised of flexible, sheet-like material having dimensions at least sufficient to permit lining the entire inside of a litter box, and having a plurality of spaced-apart perforations through said liner approximately centrally within the area thereof, wherein said liner is provided with a pocket having three edges thereof sealed to said liner and also having an open edge facing said perforations to thereby provide a receptacle for retention of waste material within said pocket for neatly transferring urine-soiled litter from the litter box without inadvertent loss of small bits of litter from said liner.

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17 20. A one-piece liner for use in lining an animal litter box having a bottom surface and continuous upstanding side walls extending substantially vertically therefrom; said liner comprising of a thin sheet of flexible material having a continuous outer edge defining an area of certain predetermined dimensions sufficient to permit complete overlaying of the bottom surface and side walls of the litter box, and provided with a plurality of uniformly spaced-apart, non-closeable perforations of preselected size sufficiently inward of the outer edge of said liner so as to be disposed overlyingly of the bottom surface of the box when said liner is in operative position therein, to thereby permit simultaneous retention of soiled litter and excrement on said liner and to permit passage through said non-closeable perforations of dry, non-soiled litter into the litter box when said liner is gently lifted thereabove.